

# Artists Collective - Spartanburg

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University Fine Arts Club, the Anderson Art Center and the Greenville Center for Creative Arts, of which she is a founder and the board chair. She maintains a studio and gallery in the village of West Greenville.

Kilburg, who has lived in Greenville for more than 30 years with her husband, Don, says she's excited and honored to have an exhibition at the Artists Collective. "I have great respect for the artists and organizers who have worked so hard to build an Artists Collective of such high caliber. The people and venue most certainly have a wonderful impact on the community and beyond."

She adds that she hopes the viewer of her exhibit "has an enjoyable and rewarding experience, makes new connections with art and the world, and with their own life experiences" as they explore the bold, rich colors, the organic shapes and patterns, the order in chaos – the emotional and universal experiences her art is meant to portray.

"Themes expressed in many of the works include ideas of darkness and light,



Work by Patricia Kilburg

impulse and control, mortality and eternity," Kilburg says. "It reflects a lifetime of making and sharing art."

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## Artists Collective | Spartanburg in Spartanburg, SC, Features Works by Kate Frost

Artists Collective | Spartanburg in Spartanburg, SC, will present *Welcome Home*, an exhibit of screen prints engraved on plaster by Spartanburg artist, Kate Frost, on view in Gallery III, from Apr. 6 through May 1, 2021. A reception will be held on Apr. 9, beginning at 6pm.

Frost believes one doesn't have to have been in combat to understand the feelings of those who have and returned home. She wants viewers of her latest art exhibition to understand that, too.

"I hope people feel a connection when viewing the exhibition," says Frost, a guest artist of the Artists Collective. "I think all human beings can connect with each other in some ways. Our stories and experiences are different, but we can still connect. For example, I have no experience in combat, but I can relate to the feeling of being out of control of my own body like one veteran told me he felt."

America's troops come home to a place where they are left to fall through the cracks, Frost says. "We celebrate that our troops are finally home from the war, however, that doesn't mean the war didn't follow. The baggage, weight and physical injuries that combat veterans carry back home can restrain them from being free from their past. For years they can try to push back the many visions of pain, suffering and violence they witnessed and endured."



Work by Kate Frost

Using plaster and different printmaking techniques, Frost's works in *Welcome Home*, "magnifies veterans' personal stories and embodies the emotions and the situations that can develop as a result of a veteran's past," says the Converse College graduate with a BFA in studio art with a concentration in printmaking. She also is a graduate of Spartanburg High School and works for FedEx Ground.

"The installation acts as a visual and experiential advocate for the voices of combat



Work by Kate Frost

veterans and what they've gone through physically, mentally and emotionally. All in hope of raising awareness of what veterans face when returning home."

Frost's inspiration for the exhibit was her desire to share peoples' stories in the hope of helping or making change. "I've always wanted to give a voice to those who are not heard. What inspired me to share the stories of our nation's veterans is not only do I have family who served, and I have heard their stories, but I've also heard stories from friends. I found out it's hard to get help when returning home. There's also not enough resources and places to go for help, and I think it needs to change."

Entering the exhibit, visitors can expect to see stories of veterans who served in different areas and stories from different perspectives, told visually through screen prints on plaster. "I think the most important thing to be said about the exhibit is that everyone's stories matter, and it's important that we listen to every perspective, even if we disagree at first," Frost says.

All of the pieces will be available for purchase, with prices ranging from \$100 to \$600 each.

The exhibit represents Frost's art in general, she says. "For me, I believe art should be used to say something and provoke change or influence people. I don't like to make art unless it has those aspects. Making bodies of work like that gives me a sense of purpose."

This will be Frost's first public exhibition. It was planned as a solo exhibit at Converse last year, but it had to be done as a virtual show due to the coronavirus pandemic. "I'm still thankful for it because I was able to reach a lot more people than I would have in person. Now, I'm very thankful for the Artists Collective | Spartanburg for giving me this opportunity and for the volunteers to put in their own time to show my work."

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## Artists Collective | Spartanburg in Spartanburg, SC, Features Works by Lady Pluto

Artists Collective | Spartanburg in Spartanburg, SC, will present *Chrono: The Dimensional Portal*, featuring works by Lady Pluto, on view in Gallery III, from Apr. 6 through May 1, 2021.

Spartanburg artist Lady Pluto wants visitors to the upcoming exhibition of her paintings at the Artists Collective | Spartanburg to come away with an understanding that peace is a mindset, not a destination.

"The more we choose peace, the more the rest of the world will follow," says the Atlanta-born artist who now lives in Spartanburg.

*Chrono: The Dimensional Portal*, featuring 20 of Lady Pluto's works. The show is free and open to the public. The works will be offered for sale, with pricing starting at \$10.

"With this exhibit, I hope to help people understand that we are more than just our bodies and earthly circumstances," she says. "We are all infinite beings living temporary lives to broaden our perspectives and increase our awareness of love. My goal is to help people feel more at peace in the present when viewing my work."

Pluto, who has been an Artists Collective member since 2019, says her spirituality and beliefs play a major role in the inspiration behind the exhibit, in which viewers will see vibrant, colorful landscape and abstract paintings varying in size and medium. "I believe that every soul or consciousness in existence is God playing out a specific role from all different perspectives and that we exist in multiple dimensions at once. I believe that time is not linear, but spiraled. The past is where our memories live, the future is where our dreams are born, and the present is elusive."

Pluto's works were created "in different moments of my life and represent different dimensions that exist within my subconscious," she adds. "Much like our souls and the people we encounter in life, it was always in their plan to be together in this present moment."

Pluto says her works are most often described as "peaceful, heartfelt and refreshing. The most important thing to be said about this exhibit is that there is beauty in learning to be present."

In 2020, Pluto had works exhibited in *Hit Refresh: New Member Exhibit* at the Artists Collective, *Black Artists of Spartanburg Exhibit* at the Chapman Cultural



Work by Lady Pluto

Center and she assisted the late Maddartist with his "R" in the Black Lives Matter mural in downtown Spartanburg. She also painted a mural inside The Tulip Tree restaurant in downtown Spartanburg last year.

Previously, she has had works displayed in *An Unfinished Story* in Spartanburg's Montgomery Building, "Birth Matters Garden Party and Silent Auction," Habitat for Humanity Spartanburg's *Upcycled Art Show* and Thomas Koenig's exhibit *Seeing Big*.

Pluto also has done live paintings in downtown Greenville and held a paint-and-sip event last year. She has had pop-up shops at Anderson Mall, Drayton Mills and Midtown Lounge.

"I am thankful for the opportunity to display my art at a location - the Artists Collective | Spartanburg - where I am loved, respected and admired," Pluto says. "My art is at home at the Artists Collective. It is a safe haven for artists from all walks of life and deserves more credit and recognition for it."

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## Chapman Cultural Center in Spartanburg, SC, Presents Youth Art Month Exhibit

Each year, Chapman Cultural Center in Spartanburg, SC, participates in Youth Art Month to recognize the talented children who excel in various art forms in Spartanburg County. The annual celebration features over 80 public and private schools of all seven Spartanburg County school districts. The artwork is located in the Coldwell Banker Caine Youth Art Gallery inside the Carlos Dupree Moseley building of the Chapman Cultural Center. This year, student artwork will be on display through Apr. 28, 2021, and also available to view virtually on the Chapman Cultural Center website.

The Council for Art Education (CFAE) administers Youth Art Month. Youth Art Month encourages support for quality school art programs and promotes art material safety. The CFAE administers the program at the national level. The program provides an opportunity for recognizing skills developed through visual arts experiences, unlike any other curriculum subjects, including:

- Problem solving
- Creativity
- Observation
- Communication

Chapman Cultural Center's youth art exhibits are part of its arts education initiatives that seek to incorporate the arts into the classrooms of Spartanburg County children. Although celebrated in March, every month two to three Spartanburg County School Districts hang and display the artwork of talented young artists in the Coldwell Banker Caine Youth Art Galleries. "Youth Art Month is a wonderful time to celebrate the thousands of talented students and teachers across Spartanburg County in one big exhibit!" said Ava Hughes, Education Director for Chapman Cultural Center.

Coldwell Banker Caine is proud to support the arts as part of their ongoing Caine Cares initiative.

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